

bidder with insufficient activity will either lose bidding eligibility or use a remaining activity rule waiver. We seek comment on this proposal.

30. Finally, we propose that the Bureau reserve the right to declare that the auction will end after a specified number of additional rounds ("special stopping rule"). If the Bureau invokes this special rule, it will accept bids in the final round(s) only for licenses on which the high bid increased in at least one of the preceding specified number of rounds. The Bureau proposes to exercise this option only in certain circumstances, such as, for example, where the auction is proceeding very slowly, there is minimal overall bidding activity, or it appears likely that the auction will not close within a reasonable period of time. Before exercising this option, the Bureau is likely to attempt to increase the pace of the auction by, for example, moving the auction into the next stage (where bidders would be required to maintain a higher level of bidding activity), increasing the number of bidding rounds per day, and/or increasing the amount of the minimum bid increments for the limited number of licenses where there is still a high level of bidding activity. We seek comment on these proposals.

h. Information Relating to Auction Delay, Suspension or Cancellation

31. For the Upper Bands Auction (Auction No. 26), we propose that, by public notice or by announcement during the auction, the Bureau may delay, suspend or cancel any auction in the event of natural disaster, technical obstacle, evidence of an auction security breach, unlawful bidding activity, administrative or weather necessity, or for any other reason that affects the fair and competitive conduct of competitive bidding. In such cases, the Bureau, in its sole discretion, may elect to: resume the auction starting from the beginning of the current round; resume the auction starting from some previous round; or cancel the auction in its entirety. Network interruption may cause the Bureau to delay or suspend an auction. We emphasize that exercise of this authority is solely within the discretion of the Bureau, and its use is not intended to be a substitute for situations in which bidders may wish to apply their activity rule waivers. We seek comment on this proposal.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[Gen. Docket No. 90-119; DA-99-659]

Private Land Mobile Radio Service, Florida Area Public Safety Plan

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau released this Public Notice amending the Florida Area Public Safety Regional Plan (Region 9 Plan). This action revises the current channel allotments for radio frequencies in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands within the Florida area. In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of public safety radio frequency spectrum in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ghassan Khalek, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC, (202) 418-2771.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The full text of the Public Notice is as follows: By this Public Notice, the Commission announces that the Florida Area (Region 9) Radio Planning Committee's proposal to amend the Region 9 Public Safety Regional Plan is approved. The amendment, which revises the current channel allotments for radio frequencies in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands within the Florida area, reflects changes made as a result of its fourth window application process. In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of public safety radio frequency spectrum in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands.¹ The Region 9 Plan was originally adopted by the Commission on May 10, 1990.²

On December 28, 1998, the Commission issued a Public Notice (Report No. WT 98-46) inviting interested parties to file comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Region 9 Plan that was filed with the Commission on December 9, 1998. We have reviewed the Region 9 request. The amendment is a minor change to the

¹ Report and Order, General Docket No. 87-112, 53 FR 01022, 02/15/98, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

² Order, General Docket 90-119, 5 FCC Rcd 3067 (1990). The Region 9 Plan was subsequently revised on May 7, 1991, 6 FCC Rcd 2607 (1991), November 25, 1991, 56 FR 65258, 12/16/91, 6 FCC Rcd 7180 (1991), September 17, 1993, 58 FR 51347, 10/01/93, 8 FCC Rcd 7038 (1993), March 23, 1994, 59 FR 16209, 04/06/94, 9 FCC Rcd 1644 (1994), June 19, 1995, 60 FR 34247 06/30/95, 10 FCC Rcd 7167 (1995) and September 9, 1997, (Report No. WT 97-34).

Region 9 Plan. Further, we have received no comments in response to the Public Notice of December 28, 1998, referenced above. The amendment, is therefore, accepted and approved as submitted. The Secretary's office will place the amended Region 9 Plan in the official docket file where it will remain available to the public. Questions regarding this public notice may be directed to Ghassan Khalek, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (202) 418-2771.

Federal Communications Commission.

Ramona E. Melson,

Acting Chief, Public Safety and Private Wireless Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CS Docket No. 99-230, FCC 99-148]

Annual Assessment of the Status of Competition in Markets for the Delivery of Video Programming

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of inquiry.

SUMMARY: The Commission is required to report annually to Congress on the status of competition in markets for the delivery of video programming. On June 18, 1999, the Commission adopted a *Notice of Inquiry* to solicit information from the public for use in preparing the competition report that is to be submitted to Congress in December 1999. The *Notice of Inquiry* will provide parties with an opportunity to submit comments and information to be used in conjunction with publicly available information and filings submitted in relevant Commission proceedings to assess the extent of competition in the market for the delivery of video programming.

DATES: Comments are due by August 6, 1999, and reply comments are due by September 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcia Glauber, Cable Services Bureau, (202) 418-7200 or TTY (202) 418-7172.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's *Notice of Inquiry* in CS Docket No. 99-230, FCC 99-148, adopted June 18, 1999, and released June 23, 1999. The complete